

### A WOMAN'S BONES

Startling Remains Found in the Rear of Old Building.

Skeleton Discovered in a Box Half Buried in Sand.

IN OLD "SMOKY ROW"

An Echo of the Tough Days in Topeka.

No Means of Identification With the Mystery.

What is thought to be an echo of the old "Smoky Row" times in Topeka, when lower Kansas avenue between the Rock Island tracks and the Kansas river was one long line of disorderly houses, dives, joints and gambling dens, was found in the rear of a broken down stone building just north of and adjoining the Seymour packing plant last night.

In the rear of this old building, half buried in trash and under the flooring and staff in a wooden box, once securely nailed, was discovered a complete set of bones of a woman.

Workmen cleaning out the building preparatory to removing it for a modern structure found the old box which at one time had been hid away under the flooring of the building. The box had been nailed tightly at one time and had been buried in the sand and trash. Practically every bone of the human body was found complete.

#### A Ghastly Find.

The workmen in removing the planks of the floor saw the box and dragging it from the staff with the intention of throwing it on a big garbage wagon they tore off the top boards. Here in ghastly order were the human bones of what is supposed to have been a victim of the old "tough times" in Topeka. The box was dropped by the laborers who were negroes and it was necessary to send white men to clean up the remaining part of the debris.

The bones were taken to the city asphalt plant nearby and Street Commissioner Snyder was called. He examined the bones and it was decided at once that they were what at one time must have been an inmate of an unfortunate girl in the disorderly houses of "Smoky Row" ten years ago.

The flesh had decayed entirely from the bones and they were as dry as wood. From the manner in which the bones lay in the box it is evident that the body had been curled in a heap and forced in.

The skull bone was found near the knee caps and the rest of the body was found in a curled position with the arms doubled under the abdomen. Nothing else was found in the box to hint at an identification.

It has been stated many times that men and women have entered the buildings along "Smoky Row" never to come out again. The worst dives and disorderly houses that have ever existed in the west at one time disgraced this part of Kansas avenue.

The building in which the bones were found was the favorite place of old "Cottonwood Kate," the worst woman ever known to Topeka resorts. It is said by old residents and members of the police force that this building has been standing on the site since 1870. It is a stone structure two stories high with low ceilings and low windows.

#### THE DEADLY BAG WORM.

It Is Bringing Death to Cedar Trees Near Topeka.

E. F. A. Reinsch, superintendent of the Topeka parks has written the following concerning the ravages of the bag worm for the State Journal: "Some years ago it was noticed that a group of Cedars near Topeka were in a dying condition; a close investigation revealed that they were de-



The Bag Worm Which Plays Havoc With Evergreen Trees.

stroyed by an insect as the thousands of suspended little brown bags plainly showed. The trees were so far gone that the only remedy was to fell them and burn them insects and all. These bags are readily noticed. They are 1/4 to 2 1/2 inches long, about one-half as thick in the center and tapering at both ends. They are covered with leaves of the tree the insect is found on, which have dried and turned brown, they are fastened near the outside of the tree, near the end of the branches by threads of silk to this year's growth.

The eggs of this insect are deposited in the bag some time in October to the number of 3,000 or more where they safely pass the winter and hatch out in May or early in June. The young feed on the tender branches till July or August, when they reach their maturity. It is during the time of their feeding that the damage to the trees is done. Spraying during May and June with some Arsenic solution will, if thoroughly and repeatedly done, greatly reduce or even exterminate the insect. During the present season they can be destroyed by hand picking and carefully burning the bags. In spite of the fact that the female insect can not fly and does not entirely leave her case until after depositing the eggs, when she drops out of it to die, the pest has spread over a large territory which includes Gage Park, the Big Nine, the grounds of the State Hospital, and many other plantations. The specimens shown in the accompanying cuts were taken from trees in Gage park. "Hand picking and burning the in-

# FALL 1910

## OPENING

### Takes Place Monday Next

You are cordially invited to be present when we shall exhibit every thing that fashion has decreed as correct dress for the coming Fall and Winter seasons in

Suits Dresses Millinery Furs  
 Dress Goods Silks Trimmings Shoes Gloves  
 And Other Accessories

We desire to announce that we have succeeded in assembling styles that are much handsomer than any we have ever heretofore had the honor to present to the ladies of Topeka.

It will we assure you be a pleasure on our part to have you come, look and inspect them.

**Orchestral Concerts by Hall's Orchestra**  
 9 to 12 A. M. - - - 2 to 6 P. M.

*The display of Suits will prove interesting to every lover of style, because of their more than ever mannish appearance; yet with it all, they have an undefinable charm about them.*

*The Dress Styles for fall are every one creations of beauty; handsome in every way—more little things about them to be admired than ever before.*

*The Millinery Styles are in direct keeping with the other articles of dress and still there is sufficient range to permit of every woman wearing a most becoming hat.*

*In Furs the styles seem to lean to the large scarf and the large flat muff, with the more conservative sizes also well favored. Our stocks are replete with both single pieces and sets, in all skins.*

*Dress Goods and Silks are here as they never were before. We have many weaves and colorings of the exclusive variety, such as we are quite sure will not be found elsewhere in Topeka.*

*Our Fall Shoes are as usual perfect models of grace. Ever since our advance showing they have created a stir among those who seek the fashionable in footwear.*

*Trimmings are to be much worn, and the effects and styles are almost without number in this new assortment we have gathered for your inspection.*

*Gloves that fit perfectly and wear satisfactorily are here for your inspection in all the new pastel shades as well as the ever popular black and white.*

**We Will Be Pleased to Have You Visit Our Dressmaking and Ladies' Tailoring Departments**

THESE departments are most excellently prepared to furnish the ladies of Topeka perfect reproductions of any styles that they have thought of having made, and also possessed with a number of the newly created ideas in Suits and Dresses that will be most cheerfully suggested should you so desire.

Mrs. Campbell has just returned from the Fashion Show held in Chicago last week, where she saw and gathered ideas that will be of great assistance to her in the way of furnishing her customers with style features in both making and trimming that will be absolutely exclusive.

Mr. Laurence has supplied his tailoring department with all of the various necessities for the making of effective styles in Tailored Suits. He will be pleased to have you call and view the new Fashion Charts, and a selected assortment of exclusive patterns in fabrics; especially in keeping with the present modes.

The Store Will Not Open Monday until 9 o'Clock

# The Crosby Bros Co

The Store Will Close Monday as usual at 6 o'Clock



sects now will completely destroy them and save the expense and trouble of spraying next summer."

**HOBBLE SKIRT HER UNDOING.**  
 Miss Dewitt Tried to Play Tennis in It and Broke Her Leg.

South Norwalk, Conn., Sept. 24.—Because Miss Clara Dewitt of this city tried to play tennis in a hobble skirt she is in a hospital with a broken leg. While making a leap for a fast volley on the opposite side of the court, she stumbled and fell. When her fellow players lifted her to her feet, it was discovered that she was seriously hurt.

**Got His Man This Time.**  
 Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 24.—W. R. Griffith, a prominent citizen, was shot and fatally wounded Friday afternoon by Richard Johnson, a well known young man. Griffith was formerly deputy state treasurer. The tragedy is a sequel to a shooting affray between the two men four months ago, in which Johnson was seriously wounded.

### FRENCH ARE GREEDY.

Aviators Pool Issues to Capture All American Prizes.

New York, Sept. 24.—The French aviators who will compete in the international tournament at Belmont park, October 22 to 30, have decided to pool their winnings, and hope to take back to Europe collectively the major part of the \$100,000 or more which will be divided among the flying men. The fliers who have formed the pool are Count J. DeLesseps, Alfred Leblanc, Herbert Latham, Leon Horane, Emile Auburn and Mm. Thomas and Simon. All of them will use Bleriot monoplanes except Latham and Thomas, who are bringing over Antoinette machines.

Seven American fliers have officially entered the contests at Belmont park and will be the chief competitors of the French group. The American entrants are Charles K. Hamilton, Walter A. Brookins, Ralph Johnston, John Moissant, Henry Weymann, Captain Thomas S. Baldwin and T. C. Schriev-

er. It is expected that within a few days the names of Glenn H. Curtis, J. C. Mars, J. A. D. McCurdy and Charles F. Willard will be added to the list.

### Letter Carriers Elect Officers.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 24.—The National Association of Rural Letter Carriers at their closing session elected the following officers for the ensuing year: E. A. McMahon, Savoy, Texas, president; L. N. Brockway, Clinton, N. Y., vice president; Bert R. Childs, Nebraska, Iowa, secretary; I. P. Cammann, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, treasurer, and R. E. Terry, Kansas, was re-elected a member of the executive committee.

**Woman at Siege of Vicksburg Dead.**  
 Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 24.—Mrs. Jane E. Clebourne, widow of Rear Admiral Christopher J. Clebourne, who was with Farragut at the fall of Vicksburg and who served in the navy continuously for 38 years, died here yesterday at the home of her daughter, aged 72 years. The body will be taken to Washington, D. C., tomorrow for interment beside her husband.

### TAKE PLACE OF JAILS.

Penal Agricultural Colony Suggested by Professor.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—The establishment of an agricultural colony near Chicago, to take the place of Prison, Bridewell and Jail, was advocated by Prof. Eugene Borel, delegate to the international prison congress and a member of the faculty of the University of Geneva, Switzerland, at the banquet given to the delegates to the congress by the Chicago Association of Commerce last night. Prof. Borel asserted that Chicago has an opportunity to do greater things in the way of prison reform than any of the large cities of the world. "I know of no city in the world where there exists so powerful a public spirit and where every citizen is so attached to the public welfare," declared Prof. Borel. "We have seen in your institutions that you will not go

half way. And I think Chicago might well take a lesson from Switzerland. "At Berne we have a penal agricultural colony, and it has proved a great success to the state. "We have realized partly the ideal of punitive institutions, we have reformed sixty per cent of the men who come there. "If Chicago, situated in a great agricultural section, would establish such a colony, it might easily be an institution, the like of which is not in the whole world."

**Need Apple Sellers Abroad.**  
 Washington, Sept. 24.—American apple exporters are overlooking a chance to place their products at fine prices in Great Britain and other European countries through their failure to have proper representatives abroad. Consul Chase of Leeds reports that despite the superior quality of the American apple, apples from Tasmania and Australia find their way into the home of the consumer because of the enterprise of agents from those countries in making an early and thorough canvass of the market.

### ALL EYES ON MINNESOTA

Football Enthusiasts Will Pay Much Attention to Minnesota.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—With the university of Minnesota opening the coming football season with Lawrence, interest is centered about Minneapolis in anticipation of the first indication of the trend of play under the revised code. Of scarcely less importance will be the form displayed by the Minnesota eleven, as with that team one of the most formidable of the championship candidates this year, the outcome of the strife for the title will largely fluctuate around the work of the northern squad. Scouts from all the western schools will be in the stands to get a line on the strength of what is considered to be one of the leading elevens in the conference.